



Triple Bottom Line (TBL) Assessment Summary

The Triple Bottom Line Assessment is required to be published in accordance with Part 4, section 23 (1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2016

20/376 Government Amendments to Public Health Amendment Bill 2020 (compensation s122)

Summary of impacts:

- The Bill may engage a number of human rights, but it is considered that any limitations would be permissible in the context of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The Government amendments to the Bill may have an economic impact and limit the Territory's ability to make strategic decisions about how public monies should be spent to reduce the impacts of COVID-19. Robust decision making will assist protect the Territory's financial viability.

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| Level of impact | Positive | Negative | Neutral |
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| Social | | |
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| Level of impact | Impact | Summary |
| Neutral | Human rights | The Bill may engage a number of human rights, but it is considered that any limitations would be permissible in the context of the COVID-19 public health emergency. |

| Economic | | |
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| Level of impact | Impact | Summary |
| Negative | ACT Government Budget | <p>The Government amendments may have a negative impact on the budget if compensation claims under the provisions are successful.</p> <p>Robust guidelines will assist protect the Territory's fiscal position and ensure the ACT Government can make strategic decisions about how public monies should be spent to reduce the impacts of COVID-19.</p> <p>It is imprudent for the ACT Government to be potentially liable to uncapped and unpredictable compensation claims.</p> |

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| Negative | Employment and labour force | <p>The ACT Government has already implemented a number of employment-related initiatives including creating additional ACT Public Service contract roles.</p> <p>The Government amendments may have a negative impact on the budget if compensation claims under the provisions are successful.</p> <p>Robust guidelines will assist protect the Territory's fiscal position and ensure the ACT Government can make strategic decisions about how public monies should be spent to reduce the impacts of COVID-19.</p> |
| Negative | Small business impact | <p>The ACT Government has already provided support to small businesses including fee and licence waivers, payroll tax deferrals and waivers and commercial tenancy relief.</p> <p>The Government amendments may have a negative impact on small business if compensation claims under the provisions are successful.</p> |
| Negative | Investment and Economic Growth | <p>The Government amendments may have a negative impact on economic growth if compensation claims under the provisions are successful.</p> |

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| Environmental | Nil |
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